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Addendum

We have to honour to transmit herewith, in order to complete the historical record of the meetings of the members of the Security Council of the United Nations and of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union, the communiqué of the consultative meeting of members of the Security Council of the United Nations and the Peace and Security Council of the African Union, adopted on 18 April 2008 at an informal consultative meeting of members of the Security Council with the African Union Peace and Security Council (see annex).

The communiqués of the similar meetings held in Addis Ababa in 2007 and 2009 were circulated as annex II to document S/2007/421 and annex II to document S/2009/303, respectively.

We should be grateful if you would circulate this letter and its annex as an addendum to document S/2010/392 of the Security Council.

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Communiqué of the consultative meeting of members of the Security Council of the United Nations and the Peace and Security Council of the African Union (2008)

1. *Recalling* that the Security Council has primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, and recalling the provisions of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations on the relationship with regional arrangements;

2. *Recognizing* that an effective relationship between the United Nations and the African Union, in particular the Security Council and the Peace and Security Council, would contribute significantly towards addressing common peace and security challenges and facilitate their resolution in Africa;

3. *Reaffirming* the importance of the African Union's role in the maintenance of international peace and security in accordance with Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations and the Protocol to the Constitutive Act of the African Union, the importance of coordination between the United Nations and the African Union in pursuance of this role and of making full use of the complementary capacities and experience of the United Nations and the African Union;

4. *In that regard, underlining* the importance and the need for the operationalization of the African Peace and Security Architecture, especially the African Standby Force and the continental early warning system;

5. *Recalling* the presidential statements and decisions of the Security Council and the Peace and Security Council on the relationship between the two bodies;

6. *Recalling also* the joint communiqué agreed by the Security Council and the AU Peace and Security Council on 16 June 2007;

7. At our second meeting, both Councils explored ways and means of developing a stronger working relationship between the two bodies, and following an exchange of views, expressed satisfaction with the ongoing efforts to strengthen their relationship, through:

(a) Enhancing cooperation in the fields of conflict prevention, management and resolution, including in respect of issues such as the good offices of the Secretary-General, mediation support, effective use of sanctions, early warning and support of the AU Panel of the Wise, peacekeeping and peacebuilding;

(b) Taking steps to identify predictable, sustainable and flexible resources for the African Union, in order to undertake peacekeeping operations in the context of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations;

(c) Sharing of experiences on working methods between the two structures;

(d) Encouraging the implementation of the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union, in particular between the United Nations Secretariat and the AU Commission, and looking forward to the first review by the two organizations of the Programme;

(e) Discussing ways in which the Security Council and the broader international community can cooperate with the African Union to assist it in further developing its military planning, technical, logistical and financial management and administrative capacities, so that the African Union is able to conduct peacekeeping operations in the most effective, transparent and accountable manner;

(f) Sharing information on African conflict situations on the respective agendas of the two bodies, including but not limited to Somalia; Sudan; Côte d'Ivoire and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

8. *We welcome* the progress made in the establishment of the African Peace and Security Architecture and we *reaffirm* our determination to strengthen the AU conflict prevention, management and resolution capacities and post-conflict stabilization capacities, through

(a) Assessing regularly the developments in the region;

(b) Supporting African regional and subregional capacities for early warning to enable prompt response to early warning indicators;

(c) Supporting African Union capacities for mediation.

9. In this regard we welcome initiatives such as the African Union Peacekeeping Support Team established by the United Nations, the capacity-building efforts undertaken by the European Union in the framework of the EU-Africa Strategic Partnership, and other actions, including bilateral initiatives in support of AU capacity-building that will contribute in a coordinated way to improvements in mission planning and mission management.

10. We look forward to further discussions at our next meeting in Addis Ababa in 2009.